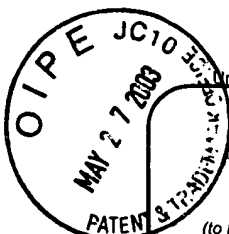


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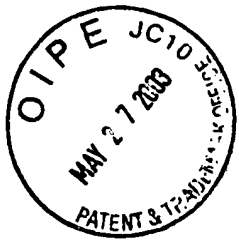
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In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application on the basis of the following remarks and the attached Declaration and exhibits, submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR §1.131.

REMARKS

The pending claims in the application stand variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102-103. To summarize, a first group of pending claims stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Patent Application Publication No. 2002/00065713 ("Awada"); a

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